by an individual from consultancy in a financial year has been removed;

(iv) CSIR scientists are now permitted to be on Board of Directors of Companies;

(v) CSIR scientists are permitted Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) to undertake all industrial activities pertaining to the innovation chain; and

(vi) CSIR scientists can now avail of the facility of sabbatical leave, for working on other activities of innovation chain with industry, project engineering firms, technology marketing/transfer agencies etc.

Cases pending in Supreme Court

489. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending in Supreme Court till 31st March, 1995, criminal and civil cases separately; and

(b) what measures are being contemplated by Government for early disposal of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per available information, the number of cases pending in the Supreme Court as on 1.4.95 was as follows:

Admission Matters—26043 (Actual files not expanded)

Regular Matters—21933 (Actual fille not expanded)

(b) The Supreme Court has taken various steps to expedite the disposal of cases, which include, grouping together of similar matters and larger groups being given priority in listing, setting apart three days a week for regular hearing matters and constitution of specialised benches etc. The daily working hours of the Supreme Court have also been extended by half an hour.

Share of Indian shoe industry in the global market

490. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Indian shoe industry in the global market is one percent only?

(b) whether Government are aware that there is great scope of increasing this percentage if adequate infrastructural facilities are made available to the industry; and

(c) if so, the steps contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government is supporting two national level programmes, viz, National Leather Development Programme (NLDP) and the Leather Technology Mission (LTM) to create infrastructural facilities for design & product development, provision of upgraded training and for implementation of modernisation/ecofriendly processes in tanning sector. Joint ventures in the country with overseas agencies are encouraged for the manufacture of shoe and shoe components.

With the setting up of Footwear Testing Laboratories at Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) Madras and Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Noida, international standard testing facilities are now available in India. Computer Aided Design (CAD) facilities have been established at Noida, Madras, Agra and